THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) and (b) Customs Officials in Calcutta have detected a case of suspected evasion of customs duty by M/s. Ganapathy Exports Limited amounting to Rs. 67 lakhs by mis-declaring a consignment of prime quality G.P. sheets as secondary and defective grade G.P. sheets. Investigations in the case have revealed that the invoice value was declared at £ 125 Per Metric Tonne instead of the actual value of U.S. $ 481 Per Metric Tonne. Shri Om Prakash Agarwal, Director of the firm has been arrested.

(c) Preventive and Enforcement machinery in the Custom Houses have been suitably alerted so as to apply closer scrutiny to import consignments and documents relating thereto.

Smuggling on Punjab and Rajasthan Borders

2265. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that smuggling from across the Pakistan border in Punjab and Rajasthan has caused a great danger to the country;

(b) if so, whether the staff at present deployed are not sufficient to check the smuggling;

(c) whether smuggling across the border has risen so much that the total amount of seizures/crossed Rs. 23 crores as against Rs. 5.53 crores during the previous year;

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to check smuggling from across the Punjab and Rajasthan borders; and

(e) whether additional staff has been deployed to check smuggling?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Reports received by the Government and seizures made indicate that the entire Indo-Pakistan border continues to be vulnerable to smuggling activities.

(b) and (e) The trends in smuggling, etc. are kept under constant review in consultation with the concerned Central and State Government agencies for ensuring adequte and optimum deployment or resources, as warranted.

(c) The value of goods seized in the Indo-Pak border region during the years 1984 and 1985 is given below:—

Year	Value (Rs. in crores)
1984 . . .	5·6
1985 . . .	29·65 (including the value of 365 Kgs. of herion seized by B.S.F.)

(Figures for 1985 are provisional)

(d) Anti-smuggling drive in the region has been intensified. The preventive and intelligence machinery of the Customs department remain vigilant in the region against smuggling activities.

Stringent action is taken against the persons involved in smuggling activities both departmentally as well as through prosecution in Courts. Apart from confiscation of goods involved and imposition of personal penalties, in appropriate cases, preventive detention under the COFEPOSA Act is also resorted to.

Repatriation by FERA companies

2266. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD:
SHRI INDRADEEP SINHA:

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state what amount was repatriated by the FERA companies during the last three years, year-wise under the following heads;

(i) dividends; (ii) royalty on technology; (iii) consultancy fee; (iv) fee for the use of brand names and